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1  -- For simple XAI (explainable AI), try a little sampling theory and a
2  -- little learning.
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4  -- For example, if we apply a sorting heuristic to data, we can binary
5  -- chop our way down to good solutions. Assuming such chops,
6  -- at probability .P, we find _q_
7  -- percent "best" items (where "best" is
8  -- defined by the Zitzler's multi-objective indicator) using
9  -- "n*log2(log(1-P)/log(1-q))" samples. e.g. the 5% best within 10,000 samples
10 -- is hunted down using less than n*10 samples. Sounds too good to be true?
11 -- Well lets check.
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13 -- This code starts with a config variable ('the')
14 -- and ends with a library of demos (see the 'go' functions at end of file).
15 -- Each setting can be (optionally) updated by a command-line flag.
16 -- Demos can be run separately or all at once (using '-g all').
17 -- For regression tests, we report the failures seen when the demos run.
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21 -- This code makes extensive use of a DATA object. Data from disk
22 -- becomes a DATA, data are recursive hi-clustered by partitioning on
23 -- the distance to two distant ROWs (found via the FASTMAP
24 -- linear time random
25 -- projection algorithm). Each cluster is new DATA object, containing a subset
26 -- of the data. A decision tree is built that reports the difference
27 -- between the "best" and "worst" clusters (defined using a multi-objective
28 -- domination predicate) and that tree is just a tree
29 -- of DATA with 'kids' pointer to sub-DATA's). This process
30 -- only needs log2(N) queries to y-values (while clustering,
31 -- just on the pairs of
32 -- distance objects).
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34 -- conventions "is" [refix is a bookeam. "n" is a number, sprefix=string
35 -- _pref means internal function
36 local the = {
37   about = {
38     what = "XALUA",
39     why = "Multi-objective semi-supervised explanation",
40     who = "Tim Menzies <tim@ieee.org>",
41     when = 2022,
42     copyright = "BSD-2 clause license",
43     how = "USAGE: lua xai.lua [-bf]gmps[S][arg]",
44     Balance= 4, -- for delta, ratio rest:best
45     bins = 16, -- for bestOfRest, cluster down to N*min groupings
46     Far = .95, -- for far, how far to look for distant pole
47     files = ".data/auto93.csv",
48     go = "push", -- start up action
49     min = 5, -- for bestOfRest, cluster down to N*min groupings
50     ratios = 512, -- for RATIO, max sample size
51     p = 2, -- for dist, distance coefficient
52     seed = 10019, -- random number seed
53     Some = 512, -- for far, how many rows to explore
54     stop = 6 -- for delta, min row size.
55   }
56   ----- Names
57   ---- Misc general functions
58   local _require="lib"
59   local any,big,cat,chat,cli,coerce=_any,_big,_cat,_chat,_cli,_coerce
60   local csv,csv2data,fmt,getc,_csv,_csv2data,fmt,getc,_gt
61   local klass,lines,it,many,map=_klass,_lines,_it,_many,_map
62   local obj,per,push,rand,rev,rnd=_obj,_per,_push,_rand,_rev,_rnd
63   local rogues,same,shuffle,slice,sort=_rogues,_same,_shuffle,_slice,_sort
64   local values,words=_values,_words
65
66   --- learning modules
67   local bins,half,how
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69   ---- Classes
70   local ABOUT,DATA,NOM= klass"ABOUT", klass"DATA", klass"NOM"
71   local RATIO,ROW,XY = klass"RATIO",klass"ROW",klass"XY"
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73   -- In this code, function arguments offer some type hints.
74   -- 'x' denotes a list of type 'x' for
75   -- 'x' in bool, str, num, int or one of the user defined types.
76   -- 't' denotes a list of any type. User-defined types are create by functions
77   -- with UPPER CASE names. Any argument with spaces before it is optional.
78   -- All arguments with more than two spaces before it are local vals (so don't use thos
79   -- e).
80
81   -- 'is' recognizes column types.**
82   -- These column types appear in first row of our CSV files.
83   local _is={
84     num = "[A-Z]", -- ratio cols start with uppercase
85     goal = "[a-z]", -- l=klass, _l=maximum,minimize
86     klass = "[S]", -- klass if "!"
87     skip = "$", -- skip if "!"
88     less = "$)", -- minimize if "-"
89   }
90   local function _col(sName,iAt)
91     sName = sName or ""
92     return (n = 0, -- how many items seen?
93            at = iAt or 0, -- position of column
94            txt = sName, -- column header
95            w = sName:find(_is.less) and -1 or 1,
96            ck = true, -- false if some update needed
97            has = {}) end
98     -- place to keep (some) column values.
99
100  -- **RATIO are special COLs that handle ratios.**
101  -- **NOMs are special COLs that handle nominals.**
102  function RATIO:new(sName,iAt) return _col(sName,iAt) end
103
104  function NOM:new(sName,iAt) return _col(sName,iAt) end
105
106  -- **ROW holds one record of data.**
107  function ROW:new(about,t)
108    return {
109      _about=about, -- pointer to background column info
110      cells=t, -- raw values
111      cooked=nil, -- for (e.g) discretized values
112      rank0, -- position between 1..100
113      evald=false end -- true if we touched the y-values
114
115  -- **DATA holds many 'ROW's**
116  -- whose values are summarized in 'ABOUT'.
117  function DATA:new() return {rows={}, about=nil} end
118
119  -- **ABOUT is a factory for making columns from column header strings.**
120  -- Goals and none-goals are cached in 'x' and 'y' (ignorong
121  -- anything that is 'skipped'.
122  function ABOUT:new(sNames)
123    local about = {names=sNames,all={}, x={}, y={}, klass=nil}
124    for at,name in pairs(sNames) do
125      local one = (name:find(_is.num) and RATIO or NOM) (name,at)
126      push(about.all, one)
127
128      if not name:find(_is.skip) then
129        push(name:find(_is.goal) and about.y or about.x, one)
130        if name:find(_is.klass) then about.klass=one end end end
131      return about end
132
133      -- **XY summarize data from the same rows from two columns.**
134      -- 'num2' is optional (defaults to 'num1').
135      -- 'y' is optional (defaults to a new NOM)
136      function XY:new(str,at,num1,num2,nom)
137        return {txt = str,
138               at = at,
139               xlo = num1,
140               xhi = num2 or num1,
141               y = nom or NOM(str,at)} end
142
143      ----- Functions for Types
144      ----- Create
145      -- Read 'filename' into a DATA object. Return that object.
146      local function csv2data(sFilename)
147        local data=DATA()
148        csv(sFilename, function(t) data:add(t) end)
149        return data end
150
151      -- **Copy the structure of 'data'.**
152      -- Optionally, add rows of data (from 't').
153      function DATA:clone(t)
154        local data= DATA()
155        data:clone(data,about.names)
156        for,row in pairs(t or {}) do data:clone(row) end
157        return data end
158
159      ----- Update
160      -- **Add a 'row' to 'data'.**
161      -- If this is top row, use 't' to initial 'data.about'.
162      function DATA:add(t)
163        if self.about
164          then push(self.rows,self.about:add(t))
165          else self.about=ABOUT(t) end end
166
167      -- **Add a row of values, across all columns.**
168      -- This code implements 'row sharing', i.e. once a row is created,
169      -- it is shared across many DATA's. This means that (e.g.) distance
170      -- calcs are normalized across the whole space and not specific sub-spaces.
171      -- To do this, change line one of this function to
172      -- 'local row = ROW(about,x.cells and x.cells or x)'
173      function ABOUT:add(t)
174        local row = t.cells and t or ROW(self,t) -- ensure that "x" is a row.
175        for _col in pairs(self.x,self.y) do
176          for _col in pairs(cols) do col:dist(row,cols[col.at]) end end
177        return row end
178
179      -- **Add something into one 'col'.**
180      -- For 'NOM' cols, keep a count
181      -- of how many times we have seen 'x'. For RATIO columns,
182      -- keep at most 'the.ratios' (after which, replace old items at random).
183      -- 'inc' is optional (it is little hack used during
184      -- discretization for very
185      -- for fast NOM merging).
186      function NOM:add(x, num)
187        if x ~= "?" then
188          num = num or 1
189          self.n = self.n + num
190          self.has[x] = num + (self.has[x] or 0) end end
191
192      function RATIO:add(x)
193        if x ~= "?" then
194          local pos
195          self.n = self.n + 1
196          if #self.has < the.ratios then pos = 1 + (#self.has)
197          elseif find() < the.ratios/self.n then pos = rand(#self.has) end
198          if pos then
199            self.ok=false -- the 'kept' list is no longer in sorted order
200            self.has[pos]=x end end
201
202      -- **Add in 'x,y' values from one row into an XY.**
203      function XY:add(x,y)
204        self.xlo = math.min(x, self.xlo)
205        self.xhi = math.max(x, self.xhi)
206        self.y:add(y) end
207
208      ----- Print
209      -- **Print one xy**
210      function XY:_tostring()
211        local xlo,hi = self.txt, self.xlo, self.xhi
212        if lo == hi then return fmt("%s<=%s", x, lo)
213        elseif hi == big then return fmt("%s<=%s", x, lo)
214        elseif lo == -big then return fmt("%s<=%s", x, hi)
215        else return fmt("%s<=%s<=%s", lo,x,hi) end end
216
217      ----- Query
218      -- **Return 'col.has', sorting numerics (if needed).**
219      function NOM:holds(i) return self.has end
220      function RATIO:holds(i)
221        if not self.ok then table.sort(self.has) end
222        self.ok=true
223        return self.has end
224
225      -- **Return 'num', normalized to 0..1 for min..max.**
226      function RATIO:norm(num)
227        local _ = self:holds(i) -- "a" contains all our numbers, sorted.
228        return a[#a] - a[1] < 1E-9 and 0 or (num-a[1])/(a[#a]-a[1]) end
229
230      -- **Returns stats collected across a set of 'col'umns**
231      function DATA:mid(nPlaces,cols, u)
232        u={} for k,col in pairs(cols or self.about.y) do
233          u.n=col.n; u[col.txt]=col:mid(nPlaces) end
234        return u end
235
236      function DATA:div(nPlaces,cols, u)
237        u={} for k,col in pairs(cols or self.about.y) do
238          u.n=col.n; u[col.txt]=col:div(nPlaces) end
239        return u end
240
241      -- Mode for NOM's mid
242      function NOM:mid(...)
243        local mode,most= nil,-1
244        for x,n in pairs(self.has) do if n > most then mode,most=x,n end end
245        return mode end
246
247      -- Median for RATIO's mid
248      function RATIO:mid(nPlaces)
249        local median= per(self:holds(i),5)
250        return places and rnd(median,nPlaces) or median end
251
252      -- Entropy for RATIO's div
253
254  function NOM:div(nPlaces)
255    local out = 0
256    for _n in pairs(self.has) do
257      if n>0 then out=out-n*self.n*math.log(n/self.n,2) end end
258    return places and rnd(out,nPlaces) or out end
259
260  -- sd for RATIOS
261  function RATIO:div(nPlaces)
262    local nums=self:holds(i)
263    local out = (per(nums,.9) - per(nums,.1))/2.58
264    return places and rnd(out,nPlaces) or out end
265
266  -- **Return true if 'row1's goals are worse than 'row2'.**
267  function ROW:_lt(row2)
268    local row1=self
269    row1.evald,row2.evald=true,true
270    local s1,s2,d,n,x,y=0,0,0,0
271    local ys,e = row1._about.y,math.exp(1)
272    for _col in pairs(ys) do
273      x,y = row1.cells[col.at], row2.cells[col.at]
274      x,y = col:norm(x), col:norm(y)
275      s1 = s1 - e*(col.w * (x-y)/#ys)
276      s2 = s2 - e*(col.w * (y-x)/#ys) end
277    return s2/#ys < s1/#ys end
278
279  ----- Dist
280  -- Return 0..1 for distance between two rows using 'cols'
281  -- (and 'cols' defaults to the 'x' columns).
282  function ROW:_sub(row2)
283    local row1=self
284    local d,n,x,y,dist1=0,0
285    local cols = cols or self._about.x
286    for _col in pairs(cols) do
287      x,y = row1.cells[col.at], row2.cells[col.at]
288      d = d + col:dist(x,y)*the.p
289      n = n + 1 end
290    return (d/n)^(1/the.p) end
291
292  function NOM:dist(x,y)
293    return (x=="?" or y=="?") and 1 or x==y and 0 or 1 end
294
295  function RATIO:dist(x,y)
296    if x=="?" then y=self:norm(y); x=y<.5 and 1 or 0
297    elseif y=="?" then x=self:norm(x); y=x<.5 and 1 or 0
298    else x,y = self:norm(x), self:norm(y) end
299    return math.abs(x-y) end
300
301  -- Return all rows sorted by their distance to 'row'.
302  function ROW:arrows(rows)
303    return sort(map(rows, function(row2) return (row=row2,d = self-row2) end),--#
304               lt"d") end
305
306  ----- Clustering
307  -- **Divide data according to its distance to two distant rows.**
308  -- Use all the 'best' and some sample of the 'rest'.
309  local half={}
310  function half:_splits(rows)
311    local rest,rest0 = half._splits(rows)
312    print("!",cat(sort(map(rows,function(row) if row.evald then return row.rank end end
313                      )))
314    local best = many(rest0, #best*the.Balance)
315    local both = {}
316    for _row in pairs(rest) do push(both,row).label="rest" end
317    for _row in pairs(best) do push(both,row).label="best" end
318    return best,rest,both end
319
320  -- Divide the data, recursing into the best half. Keep the
321  -- _first_ non-best half (as _worst_). Return the
322  -- final best and the first worst (so the best best and the worst
323  -- worst).
324  function half:_splits(rows, rowAbove, stop, worst)
325    stop = stop or (#rows)*the.min
326    if #rows < stop
327      then return rows,worst or {} -- rows is shriving best
328      else local A,B,As,Bs = half._split(rows,rowAbove)
329            if B < A
330              then return half._splits(As,A,stop,worst or Bs) end end end
331            else return half._splits(Bs,B,stop,worst or As) end end end
332
333  -- Do one split. To reduce the cost of this search,
334  -- only apply it to 'some' of the rows (controlled by 'the.Some').
335  -- If 'rowAbove' is supplied,
336  -- then use that for one of the two distant items (so top-level split seeks
337  -- two poles and lower-level poles only seeks one new pole each time).
338  function half:_split(rows, rowAbove)
339    local As,Bs,A,B,c,far,project = {},{}
340    local some= many(rows,the.Some)
341    function far(row) return per(row:arround(some), the.Far).row end
342    function project(row)
343      return (row=row, x=((row- A)^2 + c^2 - (row- B)^2)/(2*c)) end
344    A = rowAbove or far(any(some))
345    B = far(A)
346    c = A-B
347    for n,row in pairs(sort(map(rows, project),lt"x")) do
348      push(n < #rows/2 and As or Bs, row,row) end
349    return A,B,As,Bs,c end
350
351  ----- Discretization
352  -- **Divide column values into many bins, then merge unneeded ones**
353  -- when reading this code, remember that NOMinals can't get rounded or merged
354  -- (only RATIOS)
355  local bins={}
356  function bins.find(rows,col)
357    local n,x,ys = 0,{}
358    for _row in pairs(rows) do
359      local x = row.cells[col.at]
360      if x== "?" then
361        n = n+1
362        local bin = col.isNom and x or bins._bin(col,x)
363        local xy = xys[bin] or XY(col.txt,col.at, x)
364        add(xy,x,row.label)
365        xys[bin] = xy end end
366    xys = sort(xys, lt"xlo")
367    return col.isNom and xys or bins._merges(xys,n*the.min) end
368
369  -- RATIOS get rounded into 'the.bins' divisions.
370  function bins._bin(ratio,x, a,b,lo,hi)
371    a = ratio:holds(i)
372    lo,hi = a[1], a[#a]
373    b = (hi - lo)/the.bins
374    return hi==lo and 1 or math.floor(x/(b+.5))*b end
375
376  -- While adjacent things can be merged, keep merging.
377  -- Then make sure the bins to cover [pm; i+inf].
378  function bins._merges(xys0,nMin)

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374 local n,xysl = 1,{}
375 while n <= #xys0 do
376   local xymerged = n<#xys0 and bins._merged(xys0[n], xys0[n+1],nMin)
377   xysl[#xysl+1] = xymerged or xys0[n]
378   n = n + (xymerged and 2 or 1) -- if merged, skip next bin
379 end
380 if #xysl < #xys0
381 then return bins._merges(xysl,nMin)
382 else xysl[1].xlo = -big
383   for n=2,#xysl do xysl[n].xlo = xysl[n-1].xhi end
384   xysl[#xysl].xhi = big
385   return xysl end end
386
387 -- Merge two bins if they are too small or too complex.
388 -- E.g. if each bin only has "rest" values, then combine them.
389 -- Returns nil otherwise (which is used to signal "no merge possible").
390 function bins._merged(xy1,xy2,nMin)
391   local i,j= xy1.x, xy2.y
392   local k = NOM(i.txt, i.at)
393   for x,n in pairs(i.has) do add(k,x,n) end
394   for x,n in pairs(j.has) do add(k,x,n) end
395   local tooSmall = i.n < nMin or j.n < nMin
396   local tooComplex = div(k) <= (i.n*div(i) + j.n*div(j))/k.n
397   if tooSmall or tooComplex then
398     return XY(xy1.txt,xy1.at, xy1.xlo, xy2.xhi, k) end end
399
400 ---- ---- Rules
401 -- **Find the xy range that most separates best from rest**
402 -- Then call yourself recursively on the rows selected by the that range.
403 local how={}
404 function how.rules(data) return how._rules1(data, data.rows) end
405
406 function how._rules1(data,rowsAll, nStop,xys)
407   xys = xys or {}
408   nStop = nStop or the.stop
409   if #data.rows > nStop then
410     local xy = how._xyBest(data)
411     if xy then
412       local rows1 = how._selects(xy, data.rows)
413       if rows1 then
414         push(xys,xy)
415         print(cat(how._evals(rowsAll)),
416               xyShow(xy), how._nevald(rowsAll),#rows1)
417         return how._rules1(clone(data,rows1),rowsAll, nStop,xys) end end end
418     return xys,data end
419
420 -- Return best xy across all columns and ranges.
421 function how._xyBest(data)
422   local best,rest,both = half.splits(data.rows)
423   local most,xyOut = 0
424   for _,col in pairs(data.about.x) do
425     local xys = bins.find(both,col)
426     if #xys > 1 then
427       for _,xy in pairs(xys) do
428         local tmp= how._score(xy,y, "best", #best, #rest)
429         if tmp > most then most,xyOut = tmp,xy end end end end
430     return xyOut end
431
432 function how._nevald(rows, n)
433   n=0;for _,row in pairs(rows) do if row.evald then n=n+1 end end;return n end
434
435 function how._evals(rows, n)
436   return sort(map(rows,function(row) if row.evald then return row.rank end end)) end
437
438 -- Scores are greater when a NOM contains more of the 'sGoal' than otherwise.
439 function how._score(nom,sGoal,nBest,nRest)
440   local best,rest=0,0
441   for x,n in pairs(nom.has) do
442     if x==sGoal then best=best+n/nBest else rest=rest+n/nRest end end
443   return (best - rest) < 1E-3 and 0 or best^2/(best + rest) end
444
445 -- Returns the subset of rows relevant to an xy (and if the subset
446 -- same as 'rows', then return nil since they rule is silly).
447 function how._selects(xy,rows)
448   local rowsOut={}
449   for _,row in pairs(rows) do
450     local x= row.cells[xy.at]
451     if x=="M" or xy.xlo==xy.xhi and x==xy.xlo or xy.xlo<x and x <=xy.xhi then
452       push(rowsOut,row) end end
453   if #rowsOut < #rows then return rowsOut end end
454
455 -- That's all folks
456 return {the=the, csv2data=csv2data,
457        ABOUT=ABOUT, COL=COL, DATA=DATA, NOM=NOM,
458        RATIO=RATIO, ROW=ROW, XY=XY,
459        bins=bins, half=half, how=how}

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